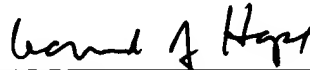


REMARKS

The applicants have amended the claims as shown above and added new claims 23-24 for consideration by the Examiner. The applicants respectfully request entry of these claims prior to examination and favorable action in passing these claims to allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, please contact the applicants' undersigned attorney at 404.954.5056.

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